

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2014

Item 35, Report No. 30, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 24, 2014.

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**TRANSCANADA CORPORATION
KING'S NORTH CONNECTION PROJECT UPDATE
WARD 2**

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works and the Director of Engineering Services, dated June 17, 2014, be approved; and**
- 2) That the confidential recommendation contained in Confidential Communication C6 from the Director of Legal Services, dated June 16, 2014, be approved.**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works and the Director of Engineering Services recommend:

1. That this update on the proposed King's North Connection Project be received.

Contribution to Sustainability

Not Applicable.

Economic Impact

There is no direct economic impact resulting from the recommendations of this report.

Communication Plan

Information on the proposed King's North Connection Project is being communicated through media coverage, open houses, website postings, advertisement and print material by TransCanada Corporation (TransCanada).

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on TransCanada's proposed King's North Connection Project.

Background – Analysis and Options

TransCanada Corporation proposed a new pipeline through Vaughan called the King's North Connection Project.

TransCanada Corporation is proposing to construct a new natural gas pipeline within the cities of Brampton, Toronto and Vaughan, known as the King's North Connection project. (Refer to Attachment No. 1). The proposed pipeline will be 900mm in diameter and approximately 13km in length. The proposed route is planned to be constructed within a new right of way following the existing and proposed Highway 427 (in part).

The King's North Connection project is designed to connect the new natural gas facilities proposed by Enbridge Inc. (as part of the GTA project) with TransCanada's existing pipeline infrastructure.

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Presentation was made at the March 4th, 2014 Committee of the Whole (Working Session) by TransCanada

At the Committee of the Whole (Working Session) meeting held on March 4, 2014, TransCanada Corporation's staff made a presentation about the proposed King's North Connection Project.

From that meeting, Committee recommended:

- 1) That TransCanada Corporation be requested to submit a report to the City of Vaughan, within the context of the Environmental Assessment (EA), that duly analyzes and identifies the socio-economic and natural environment impacts from the proposed pipeline routing, including City approved land use plans and individual land parcels;***
- 2) That the TransCanada Corporation Environmental Assessment (EA) fully document impacts during construction, infrastructure life cycle impacts and potential issues during extreme weather events, to all City owned rights of way, parks, other lands, and identified environmental features;***
- 3) That these reports of the impacts, include a Risk Assessment report of the project, be provided before the finalization and filing of the Environmental Assessment (EA);***
- 4) That staff explore opportunities to encourage existing infrastructure corridor partners to work cooperatively with TransCanada Corporation to ensure best use of existing infrastructure corridors;***
- 5) That staff bring forward the above requested reports for discussion to a future Committee of the Whole (Working Session) meeting;***
- 6) That the presentation and Communication C2, presentation material entitled, "Proposed King's North Connection Project", from Mr. Patrick Leys and Mr. Brian L. West, TransCanada Corporation, 1st Street S.W. Calgary, Alberta, be received;***
- 7) That the report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works and the Director of Engineering Services, dated March 4, 2014, be received;***

TransCanada has provided communication indicating that it is not able to supply the information requested by Committee

TransCanada Corporation submitted a communication dated May 5, 2014 (Attachment 2) to the City Clerk, indicating that it is not in a position to provide the City with the reports identified in the above mentioned Recommendations 1 to 3. As part of their application with its regulator, the National Energy Board (NEB), TransCanada will prepare and submit an Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessment (ESA). TransCanada Corporation has indicated that it is targeting submission of their application to the NEB in Q3 of 2014.

TransCanada has also indicated that it will provide the City with a copy of its filed Section 58 application, which will include the ESA as well as a summary and responses to the comments and concerns that have been provided to TransCanada through its engagements to date.

Staff continue to work with the Block 59 Landowners Group and other infrastructure corridor partners

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Staff have worked with TransCanada and other infrastructure corridor partners (such as Ontario Ministry of Transportation) to promote the best use of existing infrastructure corridors. However, as an alignment for the proposed pipeline has not been provided by TransCanada, efforts have been limited in this respect.

The Huntington Landowners Group and the Block 59 Landowners Group have expressed concerns as to how the proposed pipeline will affect their current and future land uses. To date, the Huntington Landowners Group have met with TransCanada staff to discuss their concerns. In the near future, the Block 59 Landowners Group will also be meeting with TransCanada Corporation's staff to discuss their concerns as well.

As the currently proposed pipeline route will cross City roads, namely Huntington Road and Zenway Boulevard, approval for each crossing will be required in the form of a Road Occupancy Permit (ROP), prior to construction. As part of the ROP, staff will review the detailed design drawings of the pipeline for any potential impacts to the City's infrastructure.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

Not Applicable.

Regional Implications

Approval by the Regional Municipality of York will be required where the proposed pipeline crosses Regional roads.

Conclusion

That this update on the King's North Connection project be received.

Attachments

Attachment No.1 – Location Map

Attachment No.2 – Communication from TransCanada Corporation

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(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)